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REMARKS

Applicants submit this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment ("Preliminary Amendment"), together with a Response to Restriction Requirement and a Petition for Extension of Time, in reply to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003. Because the Petition and associated fee filed with this Preliminary Amendment extends the period for reply for two months, the period runs through March 1, 2004 (February 28, 2004, is a Saturday; and February 29, 2004, is a Sunday).

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend the title. Additionally, Applicants cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 62-86 and 109-132, and add new claims 133-160, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to provide a more complete set of claims directed to the tyre of claim 87 and the tyre of claim 98.

Before entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 62-132 were pending in this application. After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 87-108 and 133-160 are pending in this application.

The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the title and the addition of new claims 133-160. No new matter was introduced.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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